

Crowley Store
936 Front Street
Georgetown
Georgetown County
South Carolina

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CROWLEY STORE

Street Address: 936 Front Street, Georgetown, Georgetown County,
South Carolina.

Present Use: Retail store.

Brief Statement
of Significance: A commercial front of the 1890's with interesting
architectural character.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Date of Erection: 1892 (date inside pediment).

Prepared by Harley J. McKee, Architect
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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Good local example of a late nineteenth-century store front with fine rams-horn motif in pediment.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Two stories; three-bay front; rectangular layout.
2. Foundations: Appear to be stone (rock faced with dressed edges above grade).
3. Wall construction: Brick, pencil mortar joints, all stretcher bond except for closers.
4. Structural system: Masonry wall with some iron structure at store windows.
5. Chimneys: None visible.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Front door to store is a glazed, very plain, double door, over which is a plain, two-light transom. Doorway is recessed with diagonally set side lights and thin columnettes at sides of doors.

- b. Windows and shutters: First floor--on each side of doorway are large arch-head, floor-to-ceiling show windows, which may have been altered; ornate iron columns at side of window toward corner. Second floor--large, four-part, central window, in the form of an inverted bay, angled in rather than out; one-over-one light, double-hung wooden sash; at sides are simple arch-head windows with double-hung wooden sash, one-over-one light, plus arched transom with inside louvers. Brick arches to second-story windows have rounded edges.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Not observed.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Elaborate, decorative parapet with central, segmented pediment; the three horizontal divisions are marked by slightly projecting pilaster motifs capped by pyramids. The segmental pediment is decorated with foliate ornament and "1892" in tympanum. Below the pediment is a large sculptural plaque with a lion head surrounded by large, partially abstracted rams horns that are joined together by a bar held in the lion's mouth, and garland swags. Below this panel there is another plaque with the word "Crowley," low-relief branch and leaves, and a geometric-patterned frame. In the two end bays, and level with this name plaque, are two other decorative panels. These are also framed (the same as the center plaque) with "lines" and "x's."

C. Site:

- 1. Orientation: In center of town on main business street, building is set at the street with no setback.
- 2. Outbuildings: None.
- 3. Walks: Concrete sidewalk.

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